In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 through 6 with the following paragraph:

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/147,670 filed on August 6, 1999, and is related to application Serial No. 09/544,916, filed April 7, 2000, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MONITORING A SUPPLY-CHAIN, by Brian M. Perry; the entire teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 1 through 8 with the below paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows a login or "splash" window 50 as might appear on a site's computer monitor 28 upon a user logging into the data collection site 16A. The login window 50 builds on the theme of collaboration between the contract manufacturers that produce the foundation of an OEM's products. Preferably, images containing company names and/or logos or trademarks are displayed for the OEM at 51, and for the contract manufacturers at 53. In one embodiment, these images 51, 53 are links to connect directly to the specific company. In the sample screen, the distributor, whose logo 52 is displayed at the top, is the data collection site.

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 11, 23, 38, 41, 42 and 43. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - iv).

1.   (Amended) A method of monitoring supply chain activity, comprising:

extracting supply-related data at independent supply chain sites within the supply chain, the data being maintained in plural formats at the supply chain sites;

translating the extracted data into a common format;